

Charter School Creation, Governance & Statutory Requirements

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Charter Schools

- Established by Contract
- Public
- Flexible/Innovative
- Accountable



Authorizer

- Legally Designated Entity with Authority to Contract
- Directly Responsible for Oversight



Charter Schools in WI

- 237 Charter Schools in WI (In 97 Districts and Every CESA)
- Wis. Stat. §118.40
- District-Authorized Charter Schools
- Independently Authorized Charter Schools (2r and 2x)



Table of Independent Authorizers

Charter Authorizer *New	School Location	Pupil Residency	Number of Charter Schools
City of Milwaukee (2r)	Statewide	Statewide	Unlimited
UW-Milwaukee (2r)	Statewide	Statewide	Unlimited
UW-Parkside (2r)	Statewide	Statewide	Unlimited
MATC (2r)	Statewide	Statewide	Unlimited
*Gateway Technical College (2r)	Racine, Kenosha, Walworth (only high school grades and provides curriculum focused on STEM or occupational education and training)	Racine, Kenosha, Walworth, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Jefferson, Rock	Unlimited
*Waukesha County Executive (2r)	Waukesha County	Statewide	Unlimited
*College of Menominee Nation (2r)	Statewide	Statewide	No more than 6 schools between these two authorizers
*Lac Courte Orielles Ojibwa Community College (2r)	Statewide	Statewide	
*Office of Educational Opportunity (UW System) (2x)	In districts with over 25,000 pupils	Statewide	Unlimited

Charter Schools in WI Continued

- Exempt from §§ 115-121
- Licensing Flexibility
- State Assessments Required
- Governed by Independent Board
- Random Admissions
- Statutory Contract Requirements



Authorizer Responsibilities in WI

- Solicit Applications
- Adhere to NACSA
- Monitor Performance/Compliance
- Submit Annual Authorizer Report



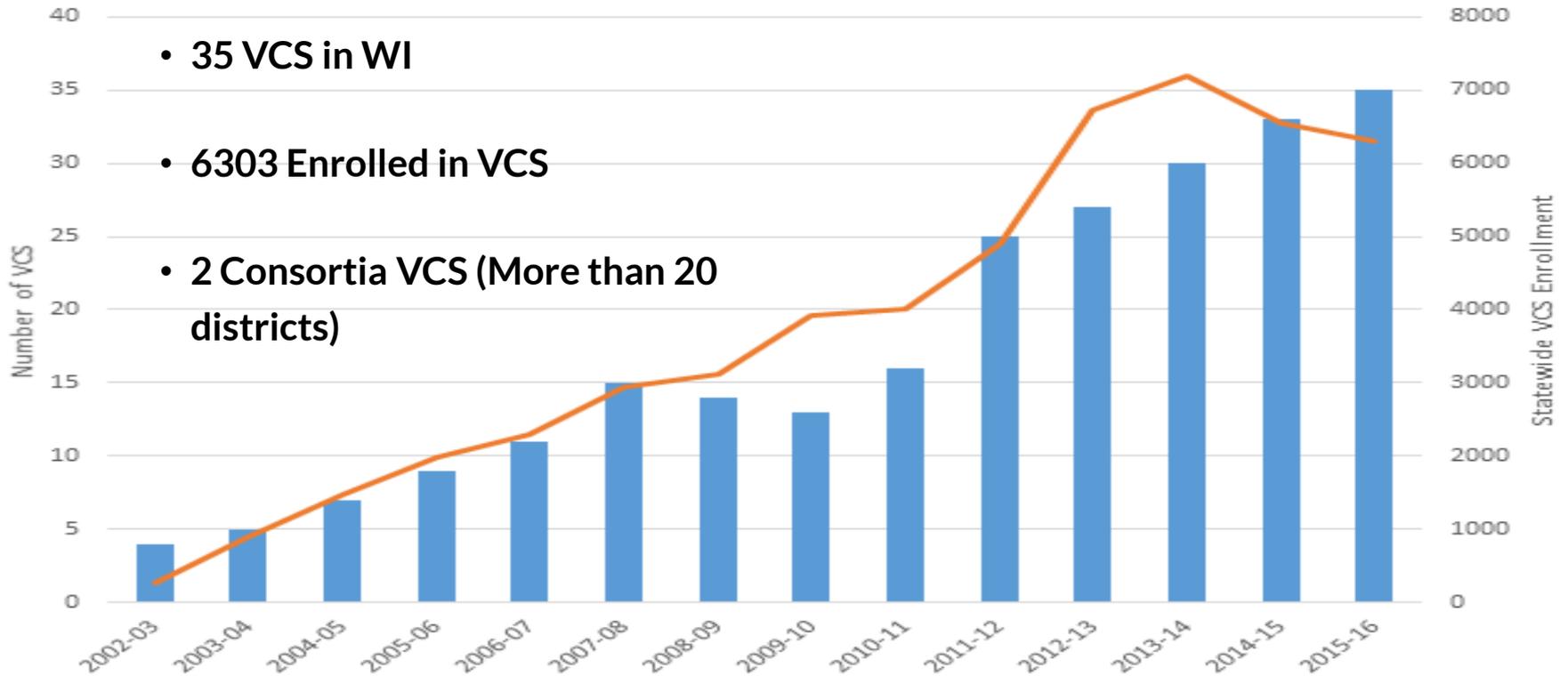
Virtual Charter Schools

- **Required for Students Open Enrolled in Virtual School**
- **Additional Requirements**
- **Not Homeschooling**



Virtual Charter Schools Quick Facts

Virtual Charter Schools and Enrollment



Charter Contract

- Parties
- Cannot exceed 5 years
- Statutory Contract Requirements
- Renewal/ Revocation



Financial Considerations

- **Contract Specifies Amount**
- **Contract Specifies Financial and Programmatic Audits**
- **Federal Funding (Formula and Discretionary) Charters Must Receive Fair Share, DPI Ensures This**



Funding

- **District Authorized: Pupils Included in Membership**
- **Legacy Independent Authorizers**
- **New Independent Authorizers**



Funding for ICS

Program	2016-17 FTE Payment Amounts	State/Local Funding Sources	Counted in Resident District's State Aid	Counted in Resident District's Revenue Limit	Nonrecurring Revenue Limit Exemption	Increase Levy to Backfill Deduction	Other
Legacy ICS	\$8,188 K-12	Proportional state general aid reduction from all districts	No	No	No	Yes	
New ICS	\$8,188 K-12	Aid transfer equal to ICS payment from resident school districts.	Yes	Yes	No	No	One year delay for state aids membership and three year phase in for revenue limits.

Federal Charter Schools Program

- **Competitive SEA/Non-SEA/CMO Grants**
- **Next SEA Competition Likely in Spring 2017 with Award in Fall 2017**
- **Federal Standards/Requirements Apply**



Resources

- NACSA
- Webpages (Charter, Virtual, and Authorizer)
- Charter School Yearbook
- USDE Office of Innovation and Improvement



Questions



Thank You

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